



WHAT IS IT, MS. CHA?  
YOU DON'T USUALLY  
CALL THIS LATE.



CAN YOU GET ME SOME  
INFORMATION ON ONE OF  
THE MINERS? HIS NAME  
IS SUNG JINWOO.



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HE GOT LOST AND,  
OF ALL THE PLACES  
INSIDE THAT MASSIVE  
DUNGEON, ENDED UP  
IN THE BOSS'S  
LAIR?

I FIND  
THAT HARD TO  
BELIEVE.

MAYBE HE'S A  
SPY FROM ANOTHER  
GUILD... I CAN'T  
STOP THINKING  
ABOUT IT.

PARDON?  
ARE YOU...

...TALKING  
ABOUT THE E-RANK  
HUNTER FROM THE  
HUNTER'S  
ASSOCIATION?

DO YOU  
KNOW HIM?







AH, WELL...

...ACTUALLY,  
MR. CHOI MADE  
THE SAME EXACT  
REQUEST  
YESTERDAY.

HE DID?

YES, HE ASKED ME  
TO LOOK INTO SUNG  
JINWOO'S FILE.

DO YOU  
KNOW WHY?

NO, SORRY...





ANYWAY, I'VE BEEN TRYING MY BEST, BUT THE ASSOCIATION HAS CLASSIFIED HIS FILE.

I'VE NEVER SEEN THAT DONE BEFORE FOR A HUNTER WHO IS NOT EVEN HIGH-RANKING.

THE MASTER OF THE HUNTERS GUILD WANTS FIND OUT WHO HE IS...

...WHILE THE ASSOCIATION IS TRYING TO CONCEAL HIS INFORMATION? ALL THIS OVER AN E-RANK HUNTER?

I THINK I'M ON TO SOMETHING HERE.

**PRESS**







WHY WAS  
HE THE ONLY  
EXCEPTION?

OUT OF ALL  
THE HUNTERS I'VE  
COME ACROSS,



HE'S  
THE FIRST  
ONE...

...THAT  
SMELLED  
NICE.







SUNG,  
HAVE YOU HAD  
ANYTHING TO  
EAT YET?

GLAD  
YOU'RE  
HERE.

MAKE  
SURE NOT TO  
HURT YOURSELF  
TODAY, JINWOO.



HEY, SUNG.

LET'S DO A  
GOOD JOB  
TODAY.







OH, AND  
JOIN US FOR  
LUNCH.

HOPE  
YOU DIDN'T  
EAT BEFORE  
COMING HERE  
AGAIN.



I'D FORGOTTEN  
ABOUT THIS  
FEELING FOR  
QUITE SOME  
TIME NOW.

IT'S BRINGING  
BACK A LOT OF  
MEMORIES.



...I COULD GET  
USED TO THIS.

**MINERS, THAT'S  
A WRAP FOR  
THE MORNING!  
GOOD JOB!**

**LET'S  
TAKE A SHORT  
BREAK AND  
GET BACK TO  
WORK IN THE  
AFTERNOON!**

EXCUSE ME, IS  
THERE ANYONE ON  
THE MINING TEAM  
WHO COULD HELP  
US OUT?

THE PERSON  
WHO WAS SUPPOSED  
TO CARRY OUR BAGS  
NEVER SHOWED UP.








YOU WANT TO USE  
SOMEONE FROM  
THE MINING TEAM  
AS A PORTER?

THE  
HAULING TEAM GUYS  
ARE STRONGER AND  
BETTER AT CARRYING  
STUFF. WHY ARE YOU  
ASKING US...?







MY MEN WORKED  
NONSTOP FOR THREE  
HOURS YESTERDAY AND  
EVEN HAD TO SKIP  
DINNER. EVEN THEN, WE  
BARELY MANAGED TO  
FINISH ON TIME.

NOW YOU  
WANT SOMEONE  
TO CARRY YOUR  
BAGS?

THE HAULING  
TEAM CAN'T SPARE  
ANYONE.

THIS IS ALL  
BECAUSE THE MINING  
TEAM FINISHED WORK  
EARLY YESTERDAY.

TRUE,  
WE DID END UP  
FINISHING TWO HOURS  
EARLY BECAUSE OF  
SUNG...

IS THERE  
ANYBODY WILLING  
TO COME WITH  
THE STRIKE  
SQUAD?

AS SOON AS THE  
RAID IS OVER, WE'LL  
PAY YOU A BONUS FOR  
THE EXTRA RISK THAT  
MUST BE TAKEN.







LOOK,  
MR. SON  
KIHOON.

WE'RE NOT EVEN  
COMFORTABLE WITH  
THE IDEA OF ENTERING A  
B-RANK DUNGEON, AND  
YET YOU'RE ASKING US  
TO ENTER AN A-RANK  
ONE.

THAT IS  
NO PLACE FOR A  
LOW-RANKING  
HUNTER.

I KNOW ALL A  
PORTER HAS TO DO  
IS CARRY THE STRIKE  
SQUAD'S BAGGAGE,  
BUT...

...COMPARED TO  
THE WORK WE DO  
AS MINERS, IT'S A  
HUGE RISK.

THE MAJORITY  
OF THE HUNTERS  
ON THE MINING TEAM  
ARE D-RANKS, AND  
WE EVEN HAVE A FEW  
E-RANKS AMONG  
US.

ANY KIND  
OF ACCIDENT,  
HOWEVER SMALL,  
WILL BE ENOUGH  
TO WIPE US OUT.

WHO WOULD WANT  
TO PUT THEIR LIVES  
AT RISK JUST FOR  
SOME EXTRA  
POCKET MONEY?











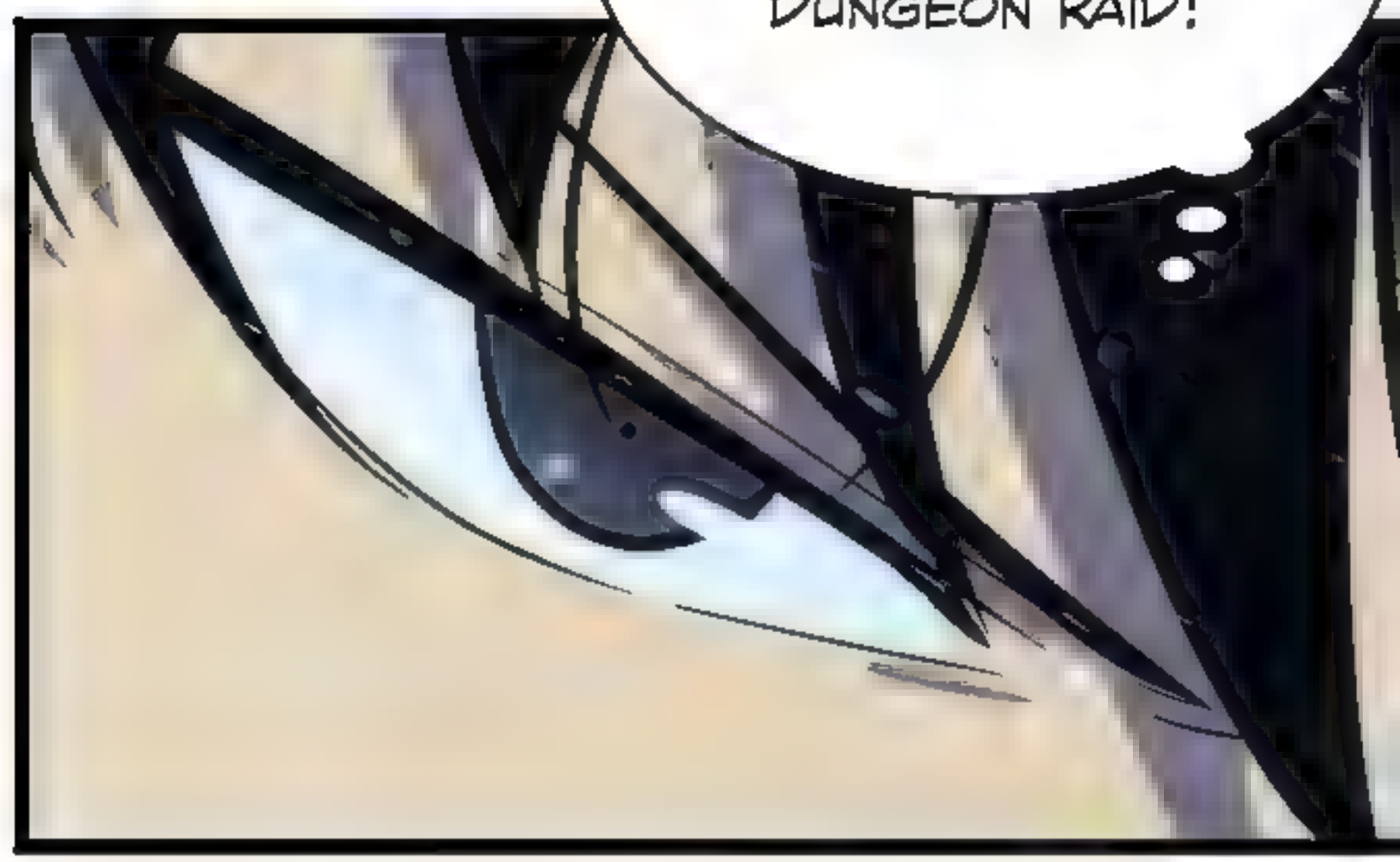




I'LL BE  
OKAY. I'M NOT  
FAINT-HEARTED.

I'LL JUST BE THERE  
TO CARRY THEIR BAGS,  
BUT IT'LL BE HELPFUL  
TO WATCH AND LEARN  
FROM ANOTHER STRIKE  
SQUAD'S RAID.

ESPECIALLY SINCE  
THIS IS AN A-RANK  
DUNGEON RAID!



OH, MAN. LOOKS  
LIKE THAT GUY RAISED  
HIS HAND WITHOUT FULLY  
UNDERSTANDING WHAT THIS  
ALL MEANS. YESTERDAY  
WAS HIS FIRST DAY ON  
THE JOB, AFTER ALL.

WHAT IS  
HIS RANK?

AN E-RANK. HIS RANK  
IS WAY TOO LOW. YOU  
SHOULD TAKE SOMEONE  
ELSE WITH YOU.





NO, HE'LL DO.

I LOOK  
FORWARD TO  
WORKING WITH  
YOU.

MY NAME IS  
SON KIHOOON AND  
I'M THE LEADER OF  
TODAY'S STRIKE  
SQUAD.

I'M SUNG  
JINWOO.

I HOPE THE  
BAGS AREN'T  
TOO HEAVY  
FOR YOU.

I CAN  
MANAGE.

HE DOESN'T  
SEEM TO BE  
STRUGGLING.





YESTERDAY'S  
GATE WAS GIGANTIC,  
BUT...

I FEEL  
LIKE THIS ONE IS  
EVEN BIGGER.



WOW,  
LOOKS HUGE.

YOU SAID  
YESTERDAY WAS  
YOUR FIRST TIME  
WORKING FOR THE  
MINING TEAM,  
RIGHT?

I GUESS THAT  
MEANS TODAY'S  
YOUR SECOND TIME  
SEEING AN A-RANK  
GATE.






TODAY'S GATE IS  
QUITE BIG, BUT ITS MANA  
LEVELS ARE LOWER  
THAN YESTERDAY'S  
GATE.


IF THE GATE HAD  
BEEN TOO DANGEROUS,  
THE GUILD WOULDN'T HAVE  
TRUSTED A SECOND-TIER  
STRIKE SQUAD LIKE US TO  
TAKE CARE OF IT.

THE HUNTERS'  
SECOND-TIER  
STRIKE SQUAD...



THEY'RE NOT  
THAT DIFFERENT FROM  
YESTERDAY'S SQUAD. THE  
ONLY DIFFERENCE IS THAT  
THERE ARE NO S-RANK  
HUNTERS.

A TEAM  
CONSISTING OF  
11 A-RANKS AND  
SIX B-RANKS.







IF THEY'D BEEN PART OF ANY  
OTHER GUILD, THEY WOULDN'T  
HAVE BEEN CATEGORIZED AS  
SECOND-TIER.

NOW THEN,  
LET'S HEAD  
INSIDE.





I CAN DEFINITELY  
TELL THAT THIS GATE  
IS EMITTING MUCH  
LESS MANA THAN  
YESTERDAY'S  
GATE.

I DON'T THINK  
THE ASSOCIATION'S  
ASSESSMENT IS  
WRONG...

SHWWP

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SO WHY IS IT THAT...

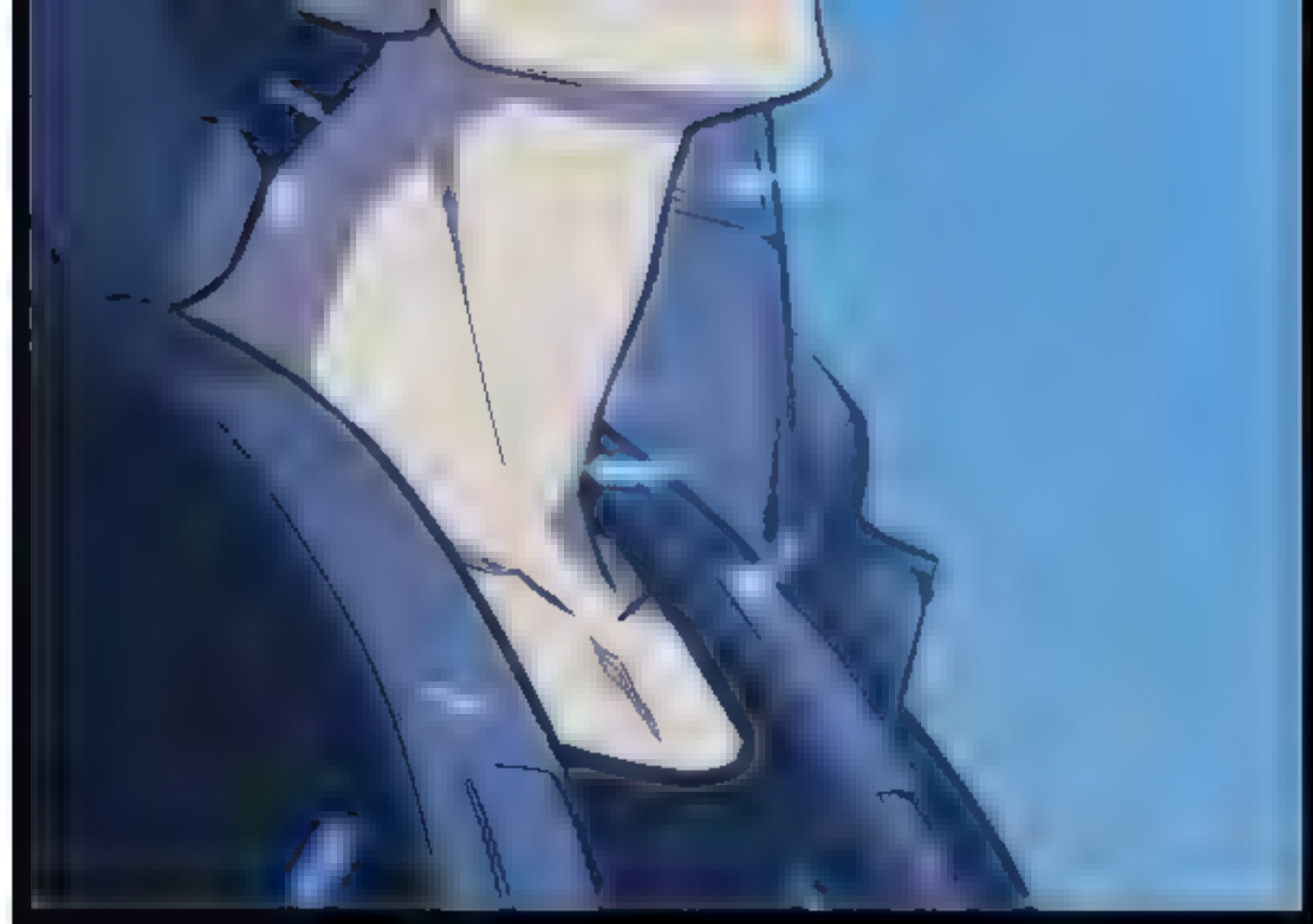
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...I FEEL A STRANGE SENSE  
OF FOREBODING, JUST LIKE  
WHEN I STOOD IN FRONT  
OF THE RED GATE?

I'M PROBABLY  
JUST... IMAGINING  
THINGS, RIGHT?

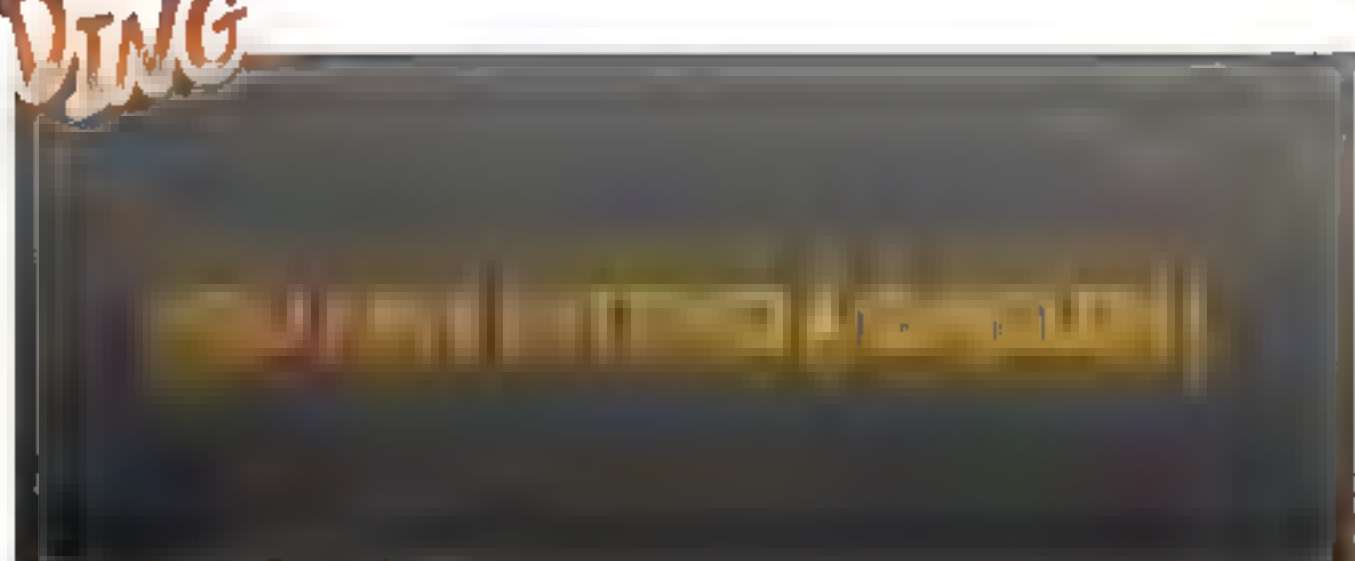




I SHOULD  
STOP WORRYING.  
I'M NOT EVEN A  
MEMBER OF THIS  
STRIKE SQUAD.




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LET'S GO.

AN A-RANK  
HEALER MAYBE?

JOOHEE WAS A  
B-RANK HUNTER... IF SHE'D  
BEEN ABLE TO OVERCOME HER  
TRAUMA, SHE WOULD'VE BEEN  
PERFECTLY CAPABLE OF  
JOINING A STRONG STRIKE  
SQUAD LIKE THIS ONE.

ALL SIX OF THE  
B-RANK HUNTERS HERE  
ARE AS STRONG  
AS A-RANKS.

I GUESS THE HUNTERS  
GUILD HAS TWO OR  
MORE STRIKE SQUADS  
LIKE THIS ONE...



WE'LL TAKE  
CARE OF ALL THE  
FIGHTING.

YOU WON'T GET  
ATTACKED AS LONG  
AS YOU STAY CLOSE  
BEHIND US.

THERE'S A  
SAYING THAT  
GOES...

...IF THE MAGES  
GET ATTACKED,  
IT'S THE TANKS'  
FAULT,

IF THE HEALERS  
GET ATTACKED,  
IT'S THE STRIKE  
SQUAD'S FAULT,

AND IF THE  
PORTER GETS  
ATTACKED, IT'S  
THE GUILD'S  
FAULT.



FALL.



THAT SHOWS YOU  
HOW UNLIKELY IT IS  
FOR A PORTER TO  
BECOME THE TARGET  
OF AN ATTACK.

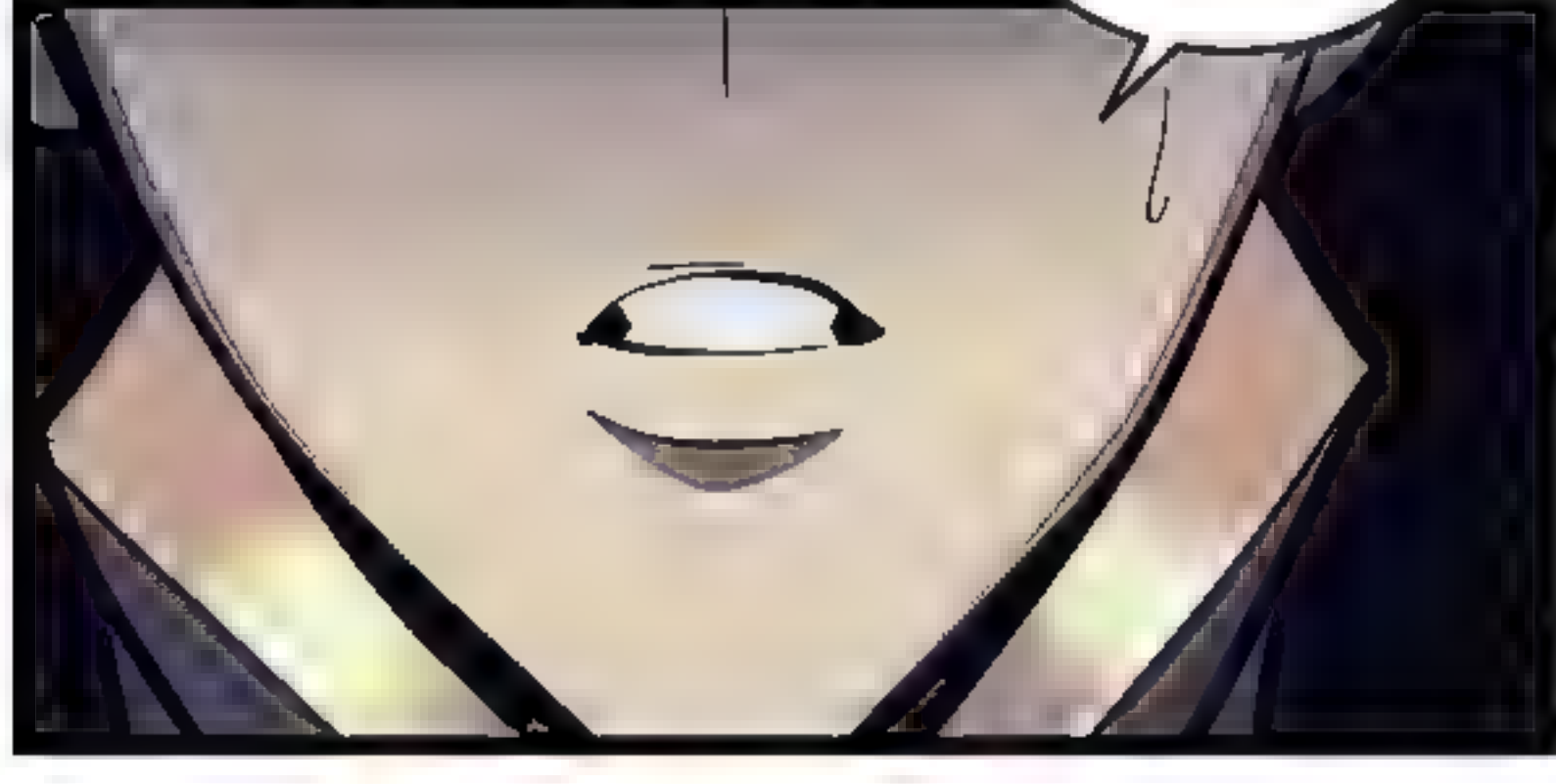


YOU SHOULD  
BE FINE AS LONG  
AS THE STRIKE  
SQUAD DOESN'T  
FAIL.

THE PORTER WILL  
BECOME THE TARGET  
OF AN ATTACK...

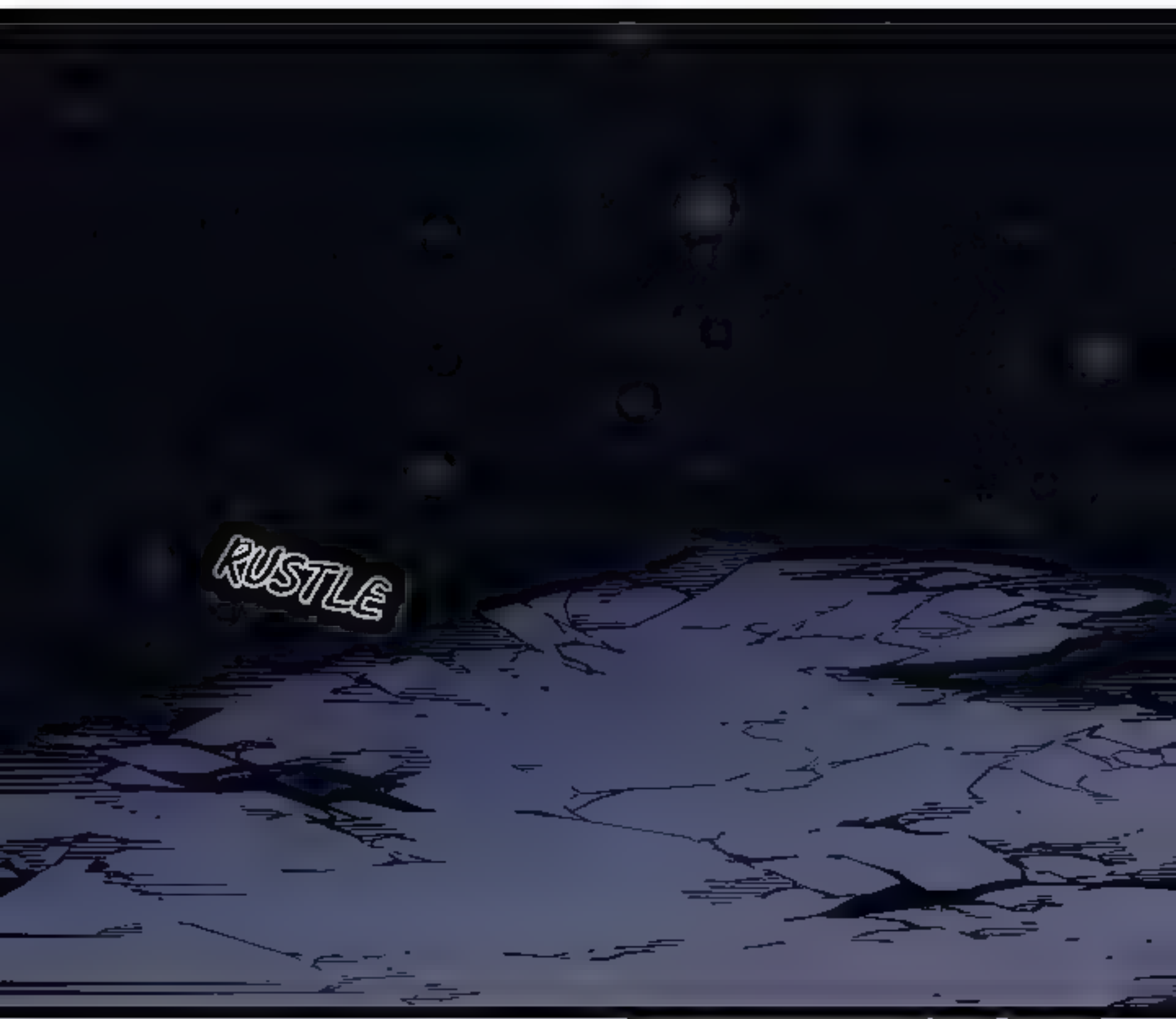
...ONLY IF THE STRIKE  
SQUAD IS ANNIHILATED.

WHEW...



THIS IS MY FIRST  
TIME LEADING A STRIKE  
SQUAD AFTER JOINING  
THE HUNTERS  
GUILD...





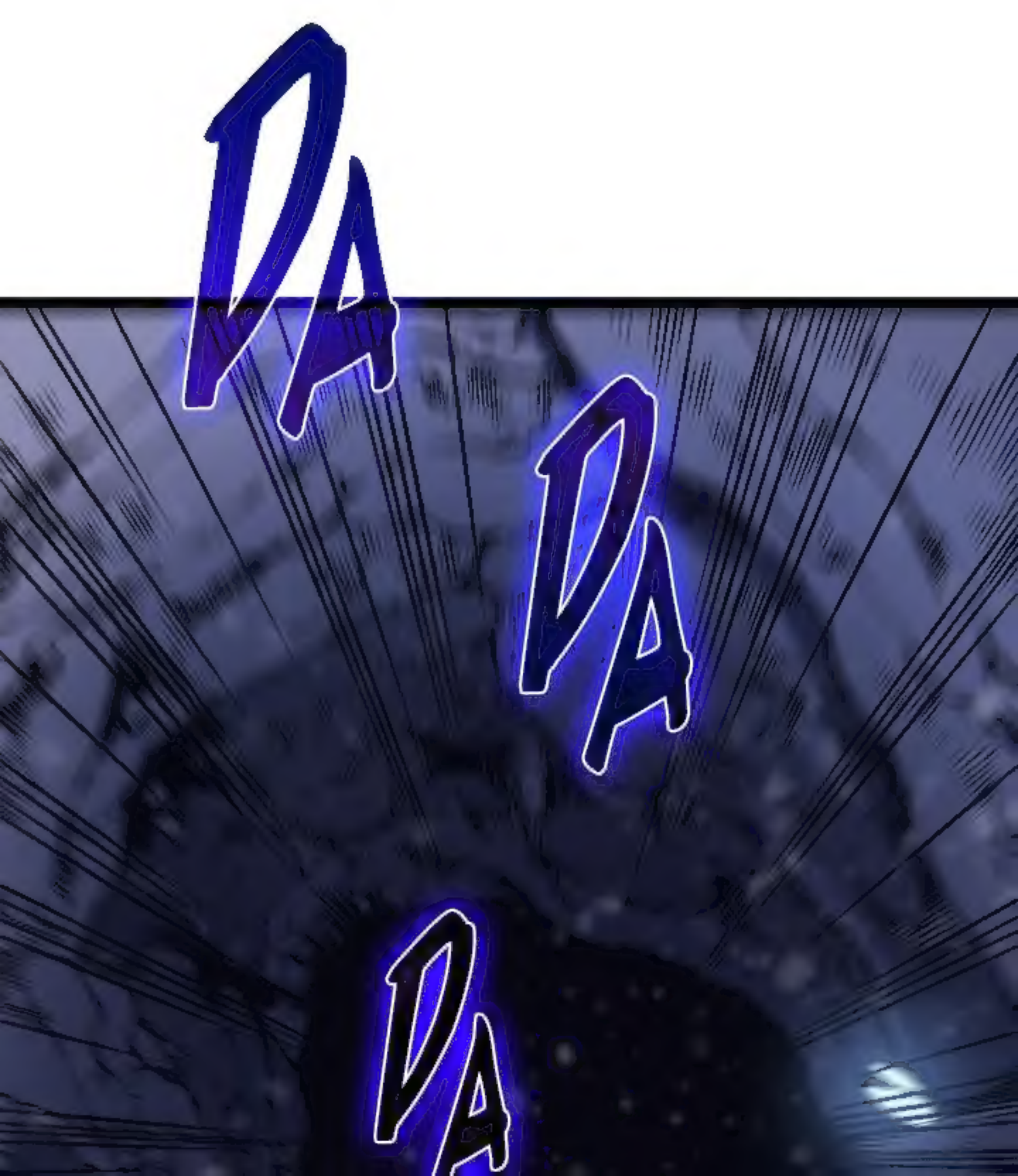








WHOA, THEY  
IMMEDIATELY WENT  
INTO ATTACK MODE,  
EVEN THOUGH THEY  
WEREN'T GIVEN ANY  
ORDERS!







WHAT  
THE...



W, WHAT  
ARE THOSE  
THINGS?!



To Be Continued...

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